

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. As a result of the restriction requirement, claims 11-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 21-28 have been added. No new matter has been added. As a result of the restriction requirement, claims 1-10 and 21-28 will be pending.

In The Specification

The Applicant has amended the title from "Molded Low Volume Waveguided Optical Format" to "Optical Format".

The Applicants previously claimed priority back to Application No. 60/440,859, which was filed on January 21, 2003 in the declaration. See Exhibit 1. The declaration was submitted within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a). The Patent Office acknowledged priority to Application No. 60/440,859 in its filing receipt. See Exhibit 2. The Applicants inadvertently did not include the claimed priority in the first sentence of the specification. The Applicants have added a Cross-Reference to Related Application section that includes the claimed priority to Application No. 60/440,859, as the first sentence of the specification. Pursuant to MPEP 201.11, since the declaration was timely filed and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Patent Office as shown by its inclusion on the first filing receipt, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) are not required. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Cross-Reference to Related Application to be added to the present application.

In the Drawing

The Applicants are amending FIGs. 4 and 5 due to a typographical error in the numbering. Specifically, FIGs. 4 and 5 include the number identifier as "34" when it should have been "40". Support for this amendment may be found at, for example, FIG. 1 and page 8, lines 4-8 of the patent application. No new matter is being added. The Applicants are submitted an annotated sheet and a replacement sheet, and respectfully request that these be added to the application.

Second Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

The Applicants previously submitted an IDS on May 13, 2005, and are concurrently submitting a Second IDS herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references and make them of record.

Restriction Requirement


The Applicants have selected Group I (drawn to claims 1-10). The remaining claims (claims 11-20) have been cancelled without prejudice as a result of the restriction requirement.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from the Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181 (247082-000274USPT).

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Fig. 3

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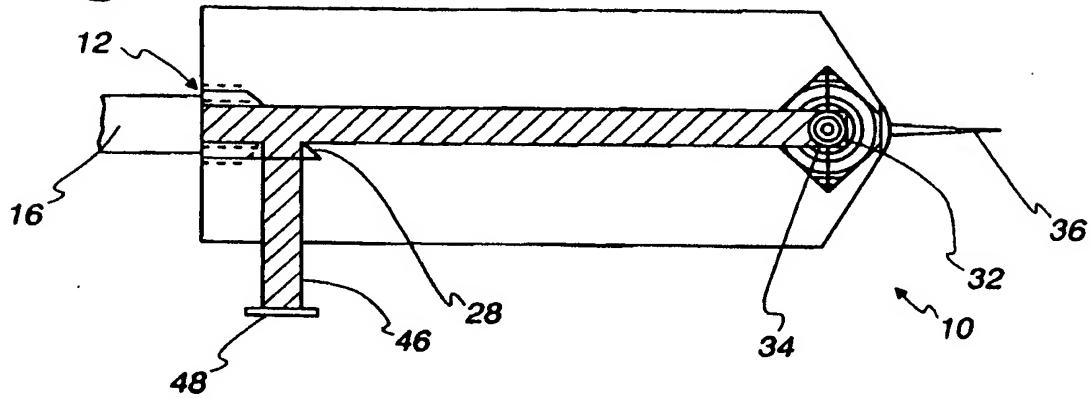


Fig. 4

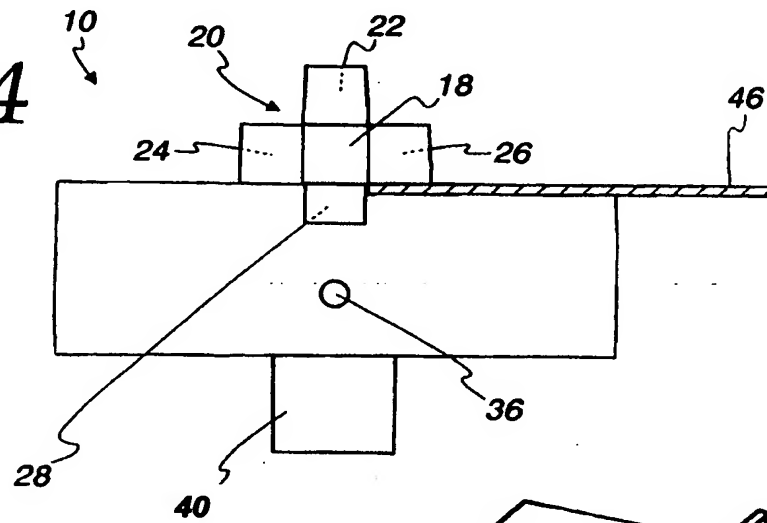
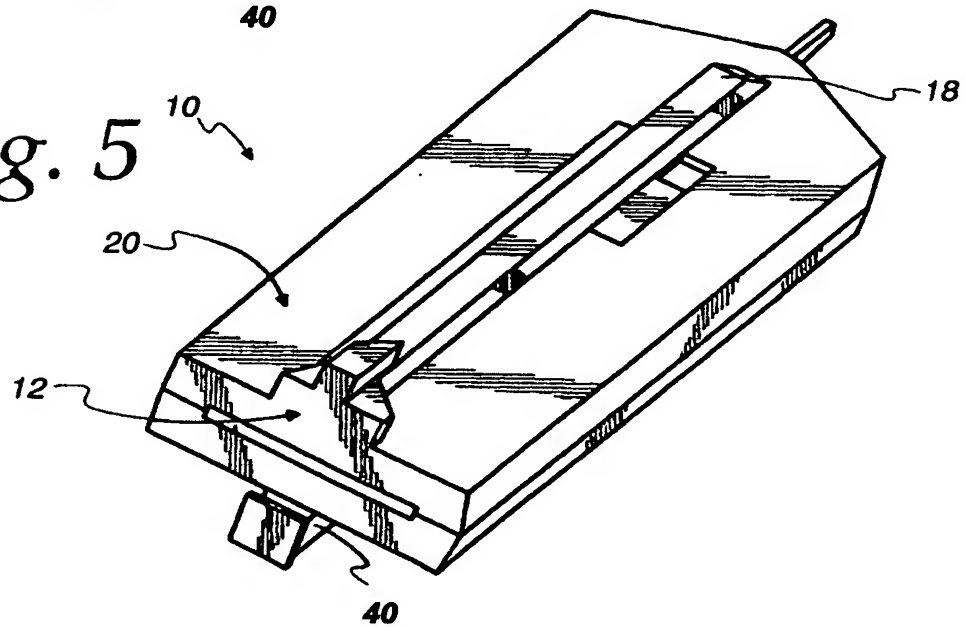


Fig. 5





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MOLDED LOW VOLUME WAVEGUIDED OPTICAL FORMAT

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- (check one) ☒ is attached hereto.
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Application Serial No. _____
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60/440,859	January 21, 2003
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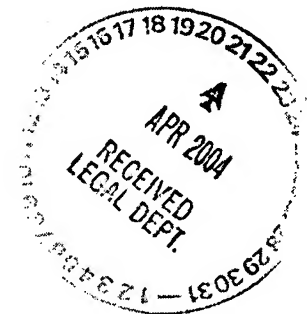
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